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Glass manufacturers are going to effect a ten million dollar trust. This ought to be seen into.

Traffic in the Northwest is paralyzed by the switchmen's strike. When the government owns the railroads, strikes on them will become only a memory of the past.

In the approaching campaign the voters should insist that every candidate stand squarely and uncompromisingly on the good old Democratic platform.—Palatka Times Herald.

Well, the good old one—very ancient—was adopted eight years ago, and declared for 16 to 1 among other things. Are we to swallow that also? —Lake City Index.

And what will be the candidates' stand on the tariff?

J. P. Morgan has obtained control of the stock of the Equitable life insurance company. Wonder if it will now be any more equitable than it was before.

California "Valencia" oranges are selling at \$7.00 to \$8.00 per box, while many Florida's are bringing only \$1.50 and Port Rico's only 80 cents per box. Every effort should be made to improve the Florida orange—i. e., improve the appearance. The flavor always has been far ahead of any other orange grown. The freight charges on a box of oranges are just the same whether the oranges are worth \$7.00 per box, or only 70 cents.

Congress met on Monday, but the country is prosperous and no serious damage is apprehended.

If there were hundreds of desirable houses built in Jacksonville in a night, there would be people anxious to get into them.—Times-Union.) Then, why not build them in the night?

There are now 370,065 persons on Uncle Sams' payroll. Of course a large majority of them are Republicans—still the "party in power" does not try as hard to control politics as one of several of the big industrial corporations.

Several of the little Spanish-American States of South America have regular spotters, or lobbyists, in Washington, just like the big railroad systems and other "captains of industry" maintain at sessions of the various State legislatures during sessions of Congress. These "spotters" watch the officials of the United States and make frequent reports home of the wonderful things they are accomplishing in preventing legislation injurious to their several States. It is doubtful if the whole batch has ever earned the cost of maintaining one of their number.

M. H. Zuber, of Daytona, is trying to interest his people in the organization of a company to operate a sugar mill. This may come in time. At the present time, Daytona and New Smyrna are busily engaged in trying to out-do Sanford in the celery business, forgetting that Sanford has the start and the buyers. There are several thousand acres of land all along the East Coast—in a narrow strip from Ormond to Oak Hill, that it well adapted to the growth of sugar cane. It was so well adapted to this purpose that Spaniards took it and cultivated it for cane when they had the whole United States from which to choose land. Besides this strip of land, there is another all along the St. Johns, on both sides, that, when cleared and planted, will be worth from \$50 to \$500 an acre for cane or rice. These lands will all be taken for this purpose in time. They are waiting for development, which is as sure to follow as night is to follow day.

H. Clay Pierce, who violated the anti-trust law in Texas, and is now being tried for perjury, wants to get off because the affidavit comprising the perjury was sworn to before a woman notary—and a woman notary is not legal in Texas. Is a woman notary legal in Florida.

It has been seven months since any State paper has suggested that the lowering of the waters of Lake Okeechobee will affect the climate 300 miles north of Okeechobee. The Starke Telegraph and Lake City Index will please take notice.

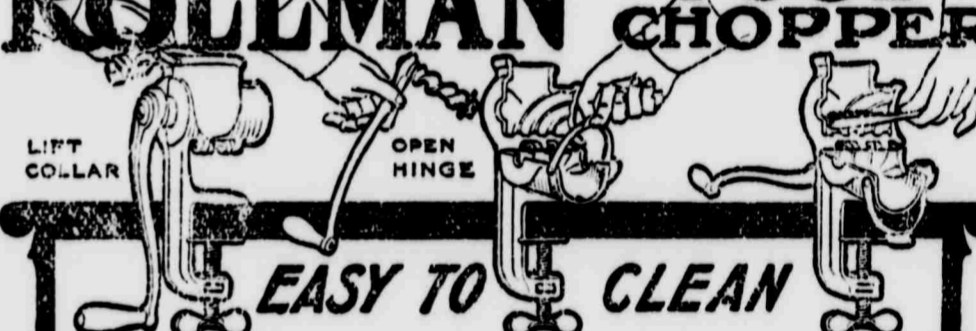
St. Lucie county has just floated a bond issue of \$200,000, to be used for the building of hard roads. The bonds carried by a majority of 104. There were 232 votes for and 128 against bonding—about as many votes as the towns of DeLand, or Daytona, or New Smyrna could cast.

A man buys a piece of land, clears and plants it. By hard work he is able to make a living and finally gets a nice home. The assessor comes along and assesses his house and five acres at \$500, on which he has to pay a tax of \$10 to \$17 a year. Another man buys five acres, slashes and cuts the timber off, makes no improvements, but takes away the heritage of a thousand years. His five acres are assessed at \$10 and he pays from 20 to 34 cents tax. Is this just? Is it right?

If the teachers of Florida know nothing about the annual meeting to be held at DeLand during the holidays, it will not be the fault of the State press. The newspapers, always willing to help in any good cause, are giving very liberally of their space. The county Boards of Public Instruction in Florida should require every teacher to take at least one county and one daily newspaper. Many of the second and third grade teachers do not read newspapers, which is one reason why they hold second or third grade certificates.

An exchange says: "One of the first colonization schemes undertaken in Florida after the close of the civil war was the one headed by Gen. Sanford.

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He took his colony to where the present town of Sanford is located. Unfortunately the colonists landed in the rainy season of an exceedingly rainy year. It was said that the water on some lands that had been laid out for them stood ankle-deep. The most of the colonists were disheartened and returned to their northern homes and plastered Florida over with black-eye comments. A great many people said that it was unfortunate that these immigrants had not been brought to the high and fertile lands of the interior. But the very lands that these people condemned are now selling for one thousand dollars per acre. And these lands are purchased by people who are thoroughly familiar with their producing qualities. A recent issue of the Sanford Herald contains the heading: Thirty-five Acres Sell for Thirty-five Thousand Dollars! These are the kind of lands that these immigrants returning to their bleak and barren homes berated us about. We don't always know too much, and sometimes not enough.—And there are thousands of acres of land all over

Florida just as good in every respect as the Sanford land. Florida is just coming into her own.

JOAN OF ARC TO NIGHT.

At the University Auditorium tonight a chorus of sixty five voices, and an orchestra of nine pieces, will present the greatest historical Cantata of modern times, A. R. Gaul's Joan of Arc.

The story of Joan of Arc is interesting—and Gaul's music is even more so. Not only does it contain beautiful melodies, but it is rich in harmonic color as well.

This music has never before been sung anywhere in the South, and this will be the only chance for DeLand people to hear it.

This is the first event of the Lyceum Course—some good things will follow throughout the winter.

Closing Out—Going Out of Business. Sale now on. DeLand Department Store, F. M. Nash, Prop. Call and get Big Bargains.